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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session

(New York, 31 January-9 February and 3 March 2011)

Summary

At its 2011 regular session, held from 31 January to 9 February and on 3 March 2011, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 352 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1999 through 2010 sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations those applications, the Committee recommended 112 for consultative status, took note of 1 non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application, closed consideration without prejudice of 23 applications and deferred 216 for further consideration at its resumed session in May 2011. The Committee also had before it 10 new requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting 5 of those requests. It also considered one deferred request for reclassification and recommended the reclassification. The Committee considered seven requests for change of name of which it took note of six and deferred its consideration of one of the requests to the next session. In addition, it had before it 231 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 212. Pending the receipt of responses to questions posed, the Committee deferred its consideration of 16 quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions and 3 from the present session. Of the 27 non-governmental organizations that attended the session, the Committee heard 13 representatives of those organizations.

The present report contains two draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

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By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to one hundred twelve non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of six non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(d) Note the change of name of six non-governmental organizations;

(e) Take note of the two hundred twelve quadrennial reports of non-governmental organizations;

(f) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by twenty-three non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision 1
Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and change of name, quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations and applications closed without prejudice

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following one hundred twelve non-governmental organizations:[1]

General consultative status

Hope International

Special consultative status

5th Pillar

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia

Afromedianet

Agewell Foundation

Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto

Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Association femmes soleil d'Haiti

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa

Athletes United for Peace

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association

Azrbaycan Grinin Avro-Atlantika Tkilat

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization

[1] Including both new and deferred applications.

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center

Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center

Center for Global Community and World Law

Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation

China Energy Fund Committee

China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation

CLIPSAS

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Concern for Environmental Development and Research

Coordinadora Española para el Lobby Europeo de Mujeres

Council for American Students in International Negotiations

Drammeh Institute

Drug Prevention Network of Canada

Ecocosm Dynamics

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría

Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas

Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Fundación Atenea Grupo

Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo

Grand Triangle

GS1

Hydroaid

Initiative du millénaire des femmes africaines contre la pauvreté et pour les droits humains

Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE-Asociación Civil

International Administrative Science Association

International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations

International Human Rights Observer

International Police Executive Symposium

International Samaritan

International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute

Istanbul Research Centre on Women

Kadin Adaylari Destekleme ve Eğitme Derneği

Kenya Community Development Group

Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization

Leaders Organization

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund

Life for Africa

Livelihood NGO

Mémorial de la Shoah

Minhaj-ul-Quran International

Movement against Atrocities and Repression

Muhammadiyah Association

National Association for Work Bless

National Association of Home Builders of the United States

National Native Title Council

National Women's Studies and Information Center "Partnership for Development"

New York and New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

Niall Mellon Township Trust

Not for Sale Campaign

OceanCare

Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévoles

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

Pan African Civil Society Network

Patim

Plan Suomi Säätiö

Pro-Life Campaign

Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème

RESO-Femmes

Roma Zaedno

Rufaida Health Foundation

Rural Development Centre

Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio

Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände

Serve Train Educate People's Society

Social Initiatives Support Fund

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Soroptimist International of Europe

South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace

Sucardif Association

Sudanese Organization for Education Development

Tamil Christian Broadcasting Network

Terra-1530

Think Youth Independent Association

Türk Kalp Vakfi

Turkish Philanthropy Funds

Umid Support to Social Development Public Union

UNIFEM Sweden

United Help for International Children

United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Univers de solidarité et de développement

VAAGDHARA

Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen

Victorious Youths Movement

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan

Women Against Violence (Europe)

Women for Human Rights, single women group

Women Watch Afrika, Inc.

Womensport International

World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Roster

Hellenic Research and Educational Institute "Panos Mylonas" for Road Safety and the Prevention and Reduction of Traffic Accidents

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations

Richbone Initiative Foundation

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations:

(i) From special to general consultative status:

International Federation for Family Development

International Indian Treaty Council

Sulabh International

(ii) From the Roster to special consultative status:

International Union against Cancer*

Plan International**

Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation

(c) To take note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth

(d) To take note of the request of the following six non-governmental organizations for change of name:

Friends of the Earth to *Friends of the Earth International*

Hariri Foundation to *Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development*

Izza Peace Foundation to *International Peace and Development Organization*

Korea Freedom League to *Korea Freedom Federation*

Soap and Detergent Association to *American Cleaning Institute*

United States Trademark Association to *International Trademark Association*

(e) To take note of the quadrennial reports for the 2006-2009 reporting period submitted by the following two hundred and five organizations:

8th Day Center for Justice

Centre for the World Religions

Aahung

Action aides aux familles démunies

African American Islamic Institute

African Services Committee

African Youth Movement

AFS Inter-Cultural Programs

Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement

Al-khoei Foundation

American Society of Safety Engineers

Americans for UNFPA

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

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* For the discussion, see chap. II.B, para. 23.

** For the discussion, see chap. III.B, para. 29.

Amnesty International

Anti-Slavery International

Architectes de l'urgence

Argentine Society of Pediatrics

Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network

Asian Migrant Centre

Asociación Civil Consorcio Desarrollo y Justicia

Assembly of First Nations — National Indian Brotherhood

Associação de Mulheres Contra a Violência

Association for Sustainable Human Development

Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement

Association des états généraux des étudiants de l'Europe

Association for Aid and Relief (Japan)

Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa

Association of Former Diplomats of China

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia

Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights

Baha'i International Community

Baptist World Alliance

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

Brazilian Foundation of America

Building and Social Housing Foundation

Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen

CARE

Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid

Center for Oceans Law and Policy

Centre Europe-tiers monde

Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio 74

Child Care Consortium

China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation

China Education Association for International Exchange

China Society for Human Rights Studies

Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament

Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples

Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy

Commonwealth Human Ecology Council

Conectas Direitos Humanos

Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Deniz Feneri Association

DiploFoundation

Dominican Leadership Conference

Dominicans for Justice and Peace: Order of Preachers

Drug Free America Foundation

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration

Eco-Accord: Center for Environment and Sustainable Development

Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

European Federation for Transport and Environment

Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America

Family Health International

Fédération européenne des femmes actives au foyer

Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe

Fondation Chantal Biya

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer

General Confederation of Trade Unions

Global Alliance for Women's Health

Gram Bharati Samiti

Greenpeace International

Group of 78

Groupe pivot: droit et citoyenneté des femmes

HELIO International

Half the Sky Foundation

Health on the Net Foundation

Heritage Foundation

Hope for Africa

Human Resource Development Foundation

Human Rights Internet

Imam Al-Sadr Foundation

Imamia Medics International

Incorvuz-XXI

Indonesian Child Welfare Foundation

Ingénieurs du monde

Institut de la gestion déléguée

Institut de politique familiale

Institute for Energy and Environmental Research

Institute of Global Education

Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia

Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm

International Association of Judges

International Association of Lions Clubs

International Association of Ports and Harbors

International Association of Y's Men's Clubs

International Center for Research on Women

International Chamber of Commerce

International Coastal and Ocean Organization

International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

International Committee for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation

International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth

International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction

International Council of Chemical Associations

International Council of Societies of Industrial Design

International Council of Voluntary Agencies

International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services

International Energy Foundation

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues

International Federation of Inspection Agencies

International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres

International Federation of Women Lawyers

International First Aid Society

International Fund for Animal Welfare

International Health Awareness Network

International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies

International Network for Sustainable Energy

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

International Relations Students' Association of McGill University

International Research Foundation for Development

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

International Society of Doctors for the Environment

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

International Union of Psychological Science

International Women's Democracy Center

International Women's Writing Guild

International Women's Year Liaison Group

International Young Catholic Students

Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"

Italian Association for Aid to Children

JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights

Jesuit Refugee Service

Junior Chamber International

Kids First Fund

Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women

Kiwanis International

Korea Freedom League

Korea International Volunteer Organization

Korean National Council of Women

LatCrit

Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany

Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Medical Aid for Palestinians

Medico International

Mujer para la Mujer

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

National Center for State Courts

National Rehabilitation and Development Center

Native American Rights Fund

Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples

Network "Earth Village"

Network of East-West Women

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Oxfam International

Parliamentarians for Global Action

Peace Boat

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Plan International

Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities

Population Reference Bureau

Presbyterian Church USA

Rainforest Foundation

Rainforest Foundation International

Real Women of Canada

Rehabilitation International

Rooftops Canada

Rozan

Save Africa Concerts Foundation

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Seniors Españoles para la Cooperación Técnica

Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Society for Comparative Legislation

Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

Tchad agir pour l'environnement

Teresian Association

Tiye International

To Love Children Educational Foundation International

Transnational Radical Party

UBUNTU Forum

Union nationale de la femme tunisienne

Unione Intercontinentale Casalinghe

United Nations Watch

Universal Esperanto Association

Urban Justice Center

Vikas Samiti

Vital Voices Global Partnership

Winvisible: Women with Visible and Invisible Disability

Women Against Rape

Women in Law and Development in Africa

Women's Crisis Centre

Women's Welfare Centre

World Federalist Movement

World Federation of Trade Unions

World Information Transfer

World Jewellery Confederation

World Organization Against Torture

World Peace and Economic Development Organization

World Road Association

World for World Organization

Youth Empowerment Alliance

(f) To take note of the quadrennial reports for periods earlier than 2006-2009 submitted by the following seven organizations:

Amnesty International

Heritage Foundation

Human Rights Internet

International Association of Judges

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights

Transnational Radical Party

(g) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following twenty-three non-governmental organizations, after those organizations had failed to respond, despite three reminders from the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

American Humanist Association

Association des femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement

Assyrian Academic Society

Centrum Mot Rasism

Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism Foundation

Elite Club

European Renewable Energy Council

EveryChild

Forest Products Associations of Canada

IBON Foundation

Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (North-east zone)

International Centre for Migration Health and Development

International Refugee Rights Initiative

Ivorian Hope Charity

NATRIPAL

Neda Institute for Scientific-Political Research

Pain pour le prochain

Psychology Beyond Borders

Redeem Africa Foundation

Solidarity: NGO of the Orthodox Church of Greece

UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development

Women's Ordination Conference

Zigen Fund

Draft decision II
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session

1. The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification, change of name and withdrawal of application received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered agenda item 3, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations, at its 1st to 10th and 12th to 16th meetings, from 31 January to 4 February and from 7 to on 9 February 2011. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/C.2/2011/R.2 and Add.1-16);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2011/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 1999-2010 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.1);

(d) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.3);

(e) Letter from the non-governmental organization Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth informing the Committee of the withdrawal of its application for consideration for consultative status.

3. The Committee considered agenda item 6 (c), Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304: other related matters, at its 16th meeting, on 9 February. It had before it a compilation of requests from non-governmental organizations requesting change of name (E/C.2/2011/CRP.4).

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

4. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 9th, 10th and 12th to 16th meetings, on 4 and 7 to 9 February. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it document E/C.2/2011/CRP.1.

Applications recommended

5. The Committee recommended that, out of the 181 organizations whose applications had been deferred from previous sessions, the Economic and Social Council grant consultative status to the following 51 (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

General consultative status

Hope International

Special consultative status

5th Pillar

Afromedianet

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Associazione Nazionale Volontarie Telefono Rosa

Athletes United for Peace

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization

Center for Global Community and World Law

Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Coordinadora Española para el Lobby Europeo de Mujeres

Council for American Students in International Negotiations

Drug Prevention Network of Canada

Ecocosm Dynamics

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas

Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Fundación Atenea Grupo

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Hydroaid

International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations

International Human Rights Observer

International Police Executive Symposium

International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund

Life for Africa

Movement against Atrocities and Repression

Mémorial de la Shoah

National Association of Home Builders of the United States

National Native Title Council

New York and New Jersey Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

Niall Mellon Township Trust

Not for Sale Campaign

Pan African Civil Society Network

Pro-Life Campaign

Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio

Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Soroptimist International of Europe

South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace

UNIFEM Sweden

United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen

Victorious Youths Movement

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan

Women Against Violence (Europe)

Womensport International

Roster

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations

Applications deferred

6. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 106 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2011 regular session:

All India Christian Council

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

American Bible Society

Amuta for NGO Responsibility

Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society

Asia Catalyst

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact

Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Assyrian National Congress

Australian Lesbian Medical Association

Bridging the Gulf

British Humanist Association

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba

Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)

Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide

Child Helpline International

China Youth Development Foundation

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Corrections India

Council for International Development

Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action

Defense Small Arms Advisory Council

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

Ducuum

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility

Equit Institute

Erevna International Peace Center

European Humanist Federation

European Union Association in the United States

European Window Film Association

Foundation for GAIA

Foundation for Human Horizon

Freedom Now

Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship

GGS Institute of Information Communication Technology India

Give to Colombia

Global AIDS Alliance

Global Family for Love and Peace

Great Tao Foundation of America

High Atlas Foundation

Human Rights House Foundation

IOGT International

Indira Gandhi National Foundation

Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Institute of Noahide Code

International Action Network on Small Arms

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

International Council for Human Rights

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Foundation for Electoral Systems

International Institute of Security and Safety Management

International Juvenile Justice Observatory

International Lesbian and Gay Association

International Organization for Victim Assistance

International Prison Chaplains' Association

International Reading Association

International Senior Lawyers Project

Isfahan Minority Rights and Development

Jananeethi: A People's Initiative for Human Rights

Kashmiri American Council

Kita Chosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin

Kosmos Associates

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Law Council of Australia

Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre

Mediators Beyond Borders

Mundo sin Guerras

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights

NGO Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi

UNIFEM in Finland

New World Hope Organization

Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh

Peacebuilders

People's Life Centre

Program in International Human Rights Law

Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Project Green Nigeria

REDRESS

Restoration World Outreach Ministries

SAHIL

Scholars at Risk Network

Search for Common Ground

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

Solicitors International Human Rights Group

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Sudanese Mothers for Peace

Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression

Thin and High

WITNESS

Widows for Peace Through Democracy

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation

World Igbo Congress

World Toilet Organization

Yale International Relations Association

Yoga in Daily Life (United States of America)

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International Lesbian and Gay Association

7. At its 10th meeting, on 4 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Lesbian and Gay Association.

8. The representative of Belgium, supported by the representative of the United States of America, called on the Committee to take a decision during the session on the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association. He emphasized that members of the Committee had had ample time to consider the responses of the organization to the questions posed to it, since it had first applied over 10 years before. The representative of the Sudan stated that the Committee was still waiting for the non-governmental organization to submit a response to the questionnaire provided by the Committee. The representative of Morocco enquired of the Secretariat, on procedural grounds, whether voting on an application was possible while there were still outstanding issues regarding an organization.

9. The representative of Belgium stated that, while remaining fully respectful of the different positions taken by Committee members, he was nevertheless requesting a vote on the application without further delay. The representatives of Belgium and the United States of America stated that they believed the non-governmental organization had responded adequately to all issues covered in the questionnaire and that the posing of further questions was being used not to gain more information but to delay the decision-making process. Additionally, the representative of the United States of America affirmed that advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights should not be used by the Committee as a disqualifying factor when it considered whether to grant consultative status. The representative of the Sudan, reiterating his position that no action should be taken while there were still questions awaiting a satisfactory answer from the organization, called for a no-action motion as regards the proposal of the representative of Belgium.

10. Citing rule 50 of the rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary of the Committee stated that it was necessary first to vote on the no-action motion. If the motion proposed by the Sudan was carried, the debate on the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association would be adjourned and the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association would remain on the list of deferred applications.

11. The representatives of the United States of America and Bulgaria spoke in opposition to the no-action motion, while Senegal spoke in support of the motion.

12. The no-action motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 9 to 7, with 1 abstention and 2 absent. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Burundi, China, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan.

Absent:

Cuba, Mozambique.

13. The representatives of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) stated that their delegations had voted in favour of the motion on procedural grounds, while the representative of Nicaragua further stated that she was willing to recommend the granting of consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

Applications closed (without prejudice)

14. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee decided to close (without prejudice) consideration of the applications of 23 non-governmental organizations that, despite three reminders sent to them over two consecutive sessions, had not responded to the Committee's questions (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (g)).

Withdrawal of application

15. The Committee took note of the request of one non-governmental organization to have its application withdrawn (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (c)).

Requests for change of name

16. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee considered seven requests by non-governmental organizations for change of name, as contained in document E/C.2/2011/CRP.4, and took note of the requests of six of those organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (d)).

17. At the same meeting, the Committee deferred, to its resumed session in May 2011, consideration of the request for change of name of the following organization:

Feminist Club (Special 2005) to the *Caucasian Feminist Initiative*

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

18. The Committee considered agenda item 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2011/R.2 and Add.1-16, at its 3rd to 8th and 13th to 16th meetings, from 1 to 3 and on 8 and 9 February.

New applications recommended

19. Of the 171 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 61 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia

Agewell Foundation

Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto

Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit

Association femmes soleil d'Haiti

Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association

Azrbaycan Grinin Avro-Atlantika Tkilat

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center

Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center

CLIPSAS

China Energy Fund Committee

China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation

Concern for Environmental Development and Research

Drammeh Institute

Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine

Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo

Grand Triangle

Initiative du millénaire des femmes africaines contre la pauvreté et pour les droits humains

Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE-Asociación Civil

International Administrative Science Association

International Samaritan

Istanbul Research Centre on Women

Kadin Adaylari Destekleme ve Eğitme Derneği

Kenya Community Development Group

Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization

Leaders Organization

Livelihood NGO

Minhaj-ul-Quran International

Muhammadiyah Association

National Association for Work Bless

National Women's Studies and Information Center "Partnership for Development"

OceanCare

Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévoles

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

Patim

Plan Suomi Säätiö

Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème

RESO-Femmes

Roma Zaedno

Rufaida Health Foundation

Rural Development Centre

Serve Train Educate People's Society

Social Initiatives Support Fund

Sucardif Association

Sudanese Organization for Education Development

Tamil Christian Broadcasting Network

Terra-1530

Think Youth Independent Association

Turkish Philanthropy Funds

Türk Kalp Vakfi

Umid Support to Social Development Public Union

United Help for International Children

Univers de solidarité et de développement

VAAGDHARA

Women Watch Afrika, Inc.

Women for Human Rights, single women group

World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Roster

Hellenic Research and Educational Institute "Panos Mylonas" for Road Safety and the Prevention and Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Richbone Initiative Foundation

Applications deferred

20. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 110 non-governmental organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2011 regular session:

A Better Life Foundation

AIDS Foundation East-West

Abibimman Foundation

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Africa Development Interchange Network

Africa Millennium Development Network

Agence de développement durable de Côte d'Ivoire

Aid the Children Network

All Women's Empowerment and Development Association

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association of Organisations of Mediterranean Businesswomen

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Autonomous Women's Center

Baidarie

Batool Welfare Trust

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Center for Global Nonkilling

Centre for Human Rights

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité

Childlink Foundation

Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre

Crowley Children's Fund

Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans

Ensemble luttons contre le sida

Environment Support Group

First Nations Summit

Foundation for the Future

Free Africa Foundation

Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad

Fundación Mamonal

Fundación País Libre

Gender Links

Gibh Varta Manch

Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun

Global Conscience Initiative

Global Economist Forum

Global Life Focus Network

Global Organization for Human Empowerment and Rights

Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)

Happy Hearts Fund

Homosexuelle Initiative Wien

Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut

Human Rights Law Resource Centre

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa

Human Rights Now

Hunt Alternatives Fund

Ilngwesi Afya Program

Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre

International Center for Alcohol Policies

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Jordan Career Education Foundation

Jordanian Women's Union

Karat Coalition

Kerman Raad

Korean Bar Association

Kuchlak Welfare Society

Lawyers for Lawyers

Life Academy of Vocational Studies

Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis

Microbase

Mouvement des entreprises de taille humaine, industrielles et commerciales

National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone

National Rural Development Society

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development

Odhikar: Coalition for Human Rights

Overseas Development Institute

PFI Foundation

Policy Research

Real Medicine Foundation

Reality of Aid Network

Rural Community Development Programme

Rural Development Organization

SOS Éducation

STEER Foundation

Second Amendment Foundation

Self-Help Development Facilitators

Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre

Shohratgarh Environmental Society

Sisterhood Agenda

Skyian Welfare Organization

Social Development International

Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment

Society for Research in Child Development

Somali Community Access Network

South Asian Forum for Environment

Sree Research and Charitable Trust

The Fishermen

Training for Women Network

Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods

Udyama

Un Techo para mi País

Union Internationale des voyageurs

Vision Welfare Group

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

World Council of Press

Young People We Care

Youth Bridge Foundation

Youth Empowerment Synergy

Requests for reclassification

21. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee, having considered requests from 11 organizations for reclassification of consultative status, as contained in documents E/C.2/2011/R.3 and E/C.2/2011/CRP.3, as decided to recommend reclassification of 3 of those organizations from special to general status and 3 from the Roster to special status (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (b)).

22. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the matter of the reclassification of consultative status of the following five organizations:

Covenant House

Family Health International

International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations

Junior Chamber International

United States Trademark Association

23. With respect to the International Union against Cancer, the Committee, having considered the request of the organization for reclassification, which had been deferred from previous sessions, decided to recommend reclassification from the Roster to special consultative status.

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

24. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February 2011, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 23 quadrennial reports submitted by 19 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period 1999-2010, whose consideration had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.2). Of those 23 reports, it took note of 7, from the following organizations:

Amnesty International (2004-2007)

Heritage Foundation (2003-2006)

Human Rights Internet (2003-2006)

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (2004-2007)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (2005-2008)

Transnational Radical Party (2003-2006)

25. The Committee decided to further defer consideration of the 16 quadrennial reports of the following 12 organizations deferred from previous sessions, pending receipt of their response to questions posed by the Committee:

Christian Democratic International (1994-1997), (1998-2001)/Centrist Democrat International (2001-2004)[2]

CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2004-2007)

Freedom House (2003-2006)

Human Rights Watch (2005-2008)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International Network of Liberal Women (2003-2006)

International Press Institute (2001-2004), (2005-2008)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004), (2005-2008)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

[2] Christian Democratic International, which had submitted reports for 1994-1997 and 1998-2001, changed its name to Centrist Democrat International, which submitted a report for 2001-2004.

26. At the 11th meeting, on 7 February, a draft decision for consideration by the Committee was introduced by the representative of the United States of America under agenda item 4 (a), Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, by which note would be taken of the quadrennial report of Amnesty International, consideration of which had been deferred for two years. The representative of Cuba stated that while he did not wish to further defer consideration of the report, he wished first to receive answers to the questions posed. After a discussion among the Committee members, they agreed to adjourn briefly in order to consider the information available on the organization's website concerning the questions posed, which was then distributed. After consideration of the information by its members, the Committee took note of the report by consensus without proceeding to consideration of the tabled draft decision. Subsequently, the representative of Cuba stated that the distribution of the information available on the website of the non-governmental organization should not constitute a precedent in respect of future consideration of quadrennial reports.

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

27. The Committee considered item 4 (b) of its agenda, Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, at its 11th meeting, on 7 February. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing 208 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2 and Add.1-16), of which the Committee took note of 205 (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (e)).

28. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the new quadrennial reports submitted by the following three organizations, pending receipt of their responses to questions posed by the Committee:

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

International PEN

29. At the 2010 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, during consideration of the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Plan Sweden, it had been brought to the attention of the Committee that Plan Sweden is a member of the larger umbrella non-governmental organization Plan International, which has enjoyed Roster status since 1981. The Committee consequently decided to request a report from Plan International for consideration at its 2011 regular session with a view to deciding whether to recommend that it be reclassified, as appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 61 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31. At its 11th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee recommended reclassifying Plan International from the Roster to special consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (b)).

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat; and General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network

30. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January 2011, the Committee considered jointly agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

31. Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan and China, who welcomed the noticeable improvements in the work of the Branch, encouraged continued progress and expressed their support for further strengthening of the Branch.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Other related matters

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

32. At the 11th meeting, on 7 February 2011, following informal discussions, proposals were considered for improving the working methods of the Committee and expediting the process of reviewing applications. The Committee agreed to utilize the time allocated for dialogue with non-governmental organizations for this purpose only. At its 16th meeting, on 9 February, the Committee agreed to hold an informal intersessional meeting before the start of the resumed session in order to continue its discussion on the matter.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

33. The Committee had no special reports before it at its 2011 regular session.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

34. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2011 regular session from 31 January to 9 February and on 3 March 2011. The Committee held 17 meetings (1st to 17th).

35. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair of the 2010 sessions of the Committee, Edgard Pérez (Peru), who served as temporary Chair.

36. At the 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Chair of the Committee, Aydan Karamanoğlu (Turkey), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

B. Attendance

37. The session was attended by 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be made available from http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo.

38. At its 2011 regular session, the Committee heard 13 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

39. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Committee elected Aydan Karamanoğlu (Turkey) as Chair and Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan), Mansour Ciss (Senegal), Edgard Pérez (Peru) and Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chairs.

40. At the 16th meeting, on 9 February, it was decided that the Vice-Chair (Pakistan), would also serve as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda

41. At its 1st meeting, on 31 January, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2011 session as contained in document E/C.2/2011/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2012 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

42. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in working paper No. 1, and agreed on its programme of work, as contained in an informal chart.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2011 regular session

43. At its 17th meeting, on 3 March 2011, the Committee adopted the present report.